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TITLE: METHOD FOR **UPDATING** REGISTERED **FINGER PRINT** FEATURE
                     POINT

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ABSTRACT:

   PURPOSE: To allow this **updating** method to sufficiently correspond to a
change in the depression pressure of a **finger print** at the time of inputting
the **finger print** or the change of the **finger print** with the large of time.

   CONSTITUTION: The validity results of respective finger print feature points
are stored at the time of collating a finger print by a collating part 6, and
when the person of the finger print can be identified, the validity of the
finger print is judged by collating also remaining feature points. An updating
requirement judging part 14 judges the updating requirement of a dictionary
based upon the judged result data. When the number of defective feature points
exceeds a previously determined threshold, the necessity of dictionary updating
is judged. In the case of updating the dictionary, a new feature point is
selected from an image inputted at the time of collation and temporarily stored
in an updating dictionary temporary storage part 13 and then the dictionary
registered in a feature information storing part 5 is updated based upon the
new feature point.